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## TELEGRAM

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AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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TAGS:  
SUBJECT:GDS  
SHUM, PINS, UY, AR  
UNHCR CONSIDERS CASE OF ARGENTINE  
PIANIST ESTRELLA

ACTION:

SECSTATE WASHDC

INFO:

AMEMBASSY LONDON  
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USUN GENEVA

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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REF: MONTEVIDEO 5875 (NOTAL) and 5866 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN

RECENTLY ARRIVED UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN LYONETTE

TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS JANUARY 3 THAT HIS OFFICE IS

CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING REFUGEE

STATUS "SUR PLACE" TO DETAINED ARGENTINE PIANIST

MIGUEL ESTRELLA. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ESTRELLA

HAD MOVED OPENLY AND FREQUENTLY BETWEEN ARGENTINA

AND URUGUAY AND THUS WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR REFUGEE

STATUS FOR LEAVING HIS COUNTRY OUT OF FEAR OF

REPRISAL, HE COULD POSSIBLY BE GRANTED REFUGEE

STATUS SUR PLACE AS A PERSON IN CURRENT AND

JUSTIFIABLE FEAR OF REPRISALS IN HIS HOME COUNTRY.

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THIS WOULD PROVIDE ESTRELLA WITH UNHCR PROTECTION UNDER THE  
MANDATE.

2. LYONETTE HAS APPARENTLY FORMALLY BUT QUIETLY REQUESTED  
INFORMATION REGARDING ESTRELLA FROM URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES IN  
ORDER TO MAKE A DETERMINATION ON THE QUESTION OF DETAINEE  
ESTRELLA'S REFUGEE STATUS. LYONETTE IS MOVING CAUTIOUSLY SO  
AS NOT TO RUN INTO CONFLICT WITH URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES. HE  
SAID CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE DOUBTS ESTRELLA'S OBTAINING  
REFUGEE STATUS WOULD HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON HIS DETENTION SINCE  
URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY REPORTEDLY TURNED THE CASE  
OVER TO A MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR TRIAL. URUGUAYAN LAW  
INCLUDES AS A CRIME SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST  
ANOTHER COUNTRY AND ESTRELLA WILL PRESUMABLY BE TRIED UNDER  
THIS CHARGE, ACCORDING TO LYONETTE. END [REDACTED]

3. BEGIN [REDACTED]

END [REDACTED]

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